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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4681 AS INTRODUCED 4-20-89

The bill would amend Public Act 149 of 1960 to increase state park entry fees and the amount of each fee allotted for park maintenance, to create special fee provisions for commercial motor coaches and vans, and to authorize surcharges for the use of a credit card.

The fee for an annual permit would be raised from the current \$10 to \$15 in 1990 through 1992, then to \$18 in 1993 and 1994, and finally to \$20 for 1995 and thereafter. The price of a senior citizen annual permit would increase from \$1 to half of the amount of an annual permit.

Maximum allowable fees for daily permits would increase as follows: from \$2 to \$4 for resident motor vehicles, from \$3 to \$6 for nonresident motor vehicles, and from \$2 to \$4 for the special nonresident fee authorized for parks that do not receive extremely heavy day use by nonresidents.

At present, the law earmarks \$5 of each annual permit and \$1 of each daily permit for park operation and maintenance. Under the bill, these allotments would be at least \$10 and at least \$2, respectively.

Commercial motor coaches and vans would not be allowed to enter a state park with an annual permit. The natural resources commission could establish a daily fee of up to \$15 for commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of more than 12 passengers.

The Department of Natural Resources could add to the cost of a reservation, entry fee, or camping fee the charges the state incurred because of the use of a credit card.

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